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SUBJECT: LETTERS FROM ROY JENKINS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY
VANCE

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS' CABINET TWO LETTERS FROM JENKINS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE, TEXTS OF WHICH FOLLOW BELOW. ORIGINALS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (S/S-S).

2. TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER: QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME TO ME ON MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE BOTH TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TO THE UNITED STATES. I WAS GLAD TO FIND THAT WE SHARE WITH YOU A COMMON CONCERN TO WORK OUT PRACTICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS-PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO TRADE, ECONOMIC BALANCE AND THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE-BUT PROPOSALS WHICH AT THE SAME TIME CAN CATCH THE IMAGINATION OF THE PEOPLE IN BOTH OUR CONTINENTS.

3. I VISITED YOU AT A MOMENT WHEN YOU WERE HEAVILY COMMITTED TO THE PREPARATION OF YOUR MAJOR ENERGY STATEMENT, AND I THEREFORE APPRECIATED THE MORE THAT YOU WERE ABLE
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TO SET TIME ASIDE. I WELCOMED THE COURAGEOUS APPROACH THAT YOU TOOK, AS IT IS VERY MUCH AN ISSUE ON WHICH URGENT AND COMPREHENSIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY BUT, BECAUSE THE CHALLENGE CANNOT BE SEEN BY ALL TO BE AN IMMEDIATE ONE, IT IS ALSO ONE ON WHICH ACTION IS ALL TOO EASILY POSTPONED.

4. I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW UP OUR DISCUSSION WITH ARANGE OF MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER SENIOR ADVISERS, WHICH ENABLED ME TO CARRY THROUGH EFFECTIVELY ALL THE MAIN POINTS WHICH WE DEALT WITH IN OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS. I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT IN RELATION TO THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE ARRANGMENTS FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION. I HOPE AND BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME FROM THE SUMMIT. THIS IS CERTAINLY THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL MAKE ITS CONTRI-BUTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON THAT OCCASION.

5. I LOOK UPON MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON AS A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND USEFUL ONE. IT WAS ALSO, BOTH FOR MY WIFE AND MYSELF, A VERY ENJOYABLE ONE INDEED. WE GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR PUTTING BLAIR HOUSE AT OUR DISPOSAL. YOURS SINCERELY, ROY JENKINS. END QUOTE.

6. TEXT OF LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE. QUOTE:
DEAR CY, I WRITE TO THANK YOU MOST WARMLY FOR ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH YOU AND YOUR ADVISERS MADE DURING MY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST WEEK. OUR DISCUSSIONS AT LUNCHEON, AND AFTERWARDS, SET AN EXCELLENT FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH MORE DETAILED PROPOSALS COULD BE PURSUED. FROM THE COMMISSION'S POINT OF VIEW, IT WAS A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND USEFUL VISIT.

7. MY WIFE AND I ALSO MUCH APPRECIATED THE PRESENCE OF
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YOU BOTH AT OUR DINNER. I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN LONDON NEXT WEEK. YOURS EVER, ROY JENKINS.
END QUOTE. HINTON

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